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I want to express my discontent with the currently proposed solution to Microsoft's conviction.

If one company owns an entire industry, that industry can't help but suffer at the hands of restricted growth. The independent spirit of the individual would-be entrepreneur is what plants the seed of innovation -- not a huge company that wants to control everything.

Microsoft is a convicted monopolists, my industry will suffer if they are not stopped. Since the conviction is final, the punishment must stop them in their tracks, or our industry will never allow an aspiring inventor to make a difference unless Microsoft owns that difference.

Please open up the door for all Americans to compete in this industry, or we'll take our ideas to other countries -- and they might be able to produce more innovative products than America because their people are free to do so without Microsoft's permission.

Fair competition is the American way. Microsoft does not respect fair competition. Things will get much worse if they are not stopped by an outside force.

One quick anecdote. Watch the movie Tucker. It's about a guy who wanted start his own Auto company, and what some very powerfull Auto companies did to stop him. Even *he* ended up in court on trumped up charges. In his closing argument he makes a claim that if the big car companies are allowed to do this, we'll all be buying Japanease cars someday. Everyone laughed, as this was during the World War II era. Nobody is laughing now, and many of us are buying Japanease cars (including myself).

Give America a chance to stay competitive in the Tech industry.

For my final word, I'd like to express my complete agreement with Robert X. Cringely's article on the subject:

<http://www.pbs.org/cringely/pulpit/pulpit20011206.html>

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